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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending April 17, 2016

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 17, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 46 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 33 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 54.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 66.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 69.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Lake Providence to 78.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Jennings. Scattered rain showers and heavy thunderstorms were prevalent throughout most of the state, with the highest rain concentration in the northeast part of the state with an average of 6.19 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 17, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	86	73	94	98
Corn, emerged	67	45	78	89
Rice, planted	75	67	78	78
Rice, emerged	56	47	52	55
Sorghum, planted	53	29	42	65
Sorghum, emerged	38	4	17	40
Soybeans, planted	13	6	15	22
Soybeans, emerged	2	NA	4	2
Winter Wheat, headed	79	69	70	81
Hay, first cutting	1	NA	0	7

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending April 17, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	2	22	48	28	0
Livestock	1	5	28	58	8
Pasture	1	12	31	49	7
Rice	0	3	32	58	7
Sugarcane	1	3	28	56	12
Vegetables	1	5	26	64	4
Winter Wheat	0	10	44	46	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Excess rain continues to delay planting; as well as stressing corn and soybean already planted.”

– R. L. Frazier, Madison Parish

“Rained about 2 inches this past week. Very little fieldwork completed. Some fields still under water.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Fieldwork was slow due to wet ground condition with scattered thunderstorms and rain showers this past week. Rice herbicide and fertilizer are currently being applied. Crawfish catch are really good but market is poor. With improving ground condition soybean planting will be in full swing.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Rain midweek slowed rice planting and sugarcane fieldwork although progress for both are well ahead of normal. Rain was needed for summer pasture development in most of parish and should stimulate sugarcane growth. Rice farmers are fertilizing and spraying for weeds and establishing permanent flood on much of the rice. Ranchers continue to work cattle and calves and hay producers are fertilizing hay meadows. Sugarcane farmers are fertilizing and cultivating.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Spotty rain showers this past week. Most of the soybean ground is worked up and ready to go. Pastures and cattle conditions look good.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Rains put a stop to nearly all fieldwork. Sugarcane have made good progress with fertilizer applications. Crop is looking good especially plant cane and first stubble with rust a concern. Livestock and pasture continue to do well with mild winter. Crawfish size is up, and prices are down. Vegetable gardens are off to a good start.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Rainy conditions during the week which limited fieldwork, very cloudy with limited amount of sun. Strong South wind with very high tides.”

– Reed Himel, Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 17, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	72.7	55.8	64.3	62.7	1.6	4.67	2	3.64	5.80	1.38
Mooringsport	72.3	54.6	63.4	63.9	-0.5	0.72	4	-0.08	1.66	-1.73
Red River	74.6	57.7	66.1	64.2	1.9	1.27	1	0.22	1.86	-2.24
Shreveport	73.9	56.7	65.3	63.5	1.8	1.22	1	0.29	2.24	-1.40
Extreme/Average	73.4	56.2	64.8	63.6	1.2	1.97	4	1.02	2.89	-1.00
North Central										
Calhoun	71.8	54.5	63.2	62.3	1.0	2.72	3	1.86	4.97	1.16
Farmerville	70.7	55.3	63.0	64.0	-1.0	5.31	5	4.27	8.99	4.32
Homer	71.4	55.7	63.6	61.3	2.2	1.87	3	1.07	3.07	0.57
Extreme/Average	71.3	55.2	63.2	62.5	0.8	3.30	5	2.40	5.68	2.02
Northeast										
Lake Providence	69.4	57.7	63.6	63.6	0.0	NA	NA	NA	7.57	6.50
St Joseph	74.0	60.0	67.0	65.3	1.7	2.31	4	1.27	6.91	2.89
Tallulah	74.1	60.6	67.4	64.4	3.0	10.07	3	8.97	16.47	12.17
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	64.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.94	1.27
Extreme/Average	72.5	59.4	66.0	64.5	1.5	6.19	4	5.12	8.47	5.71
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	63.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	74.0	59.0	66.5	65.6	0.9	0.48	5	-0.50	1.67	-2.47
Leesville	75.6	59.4	67.5	64.9	2.6	0.51	5	-0.43	2.22	-1.78
Natchitoches	72.1	59.7	65.9	65.7	0.2	1.33	5	0.20	3.52	-1.78
Extreme/Average	73.9	59.4	66.6	64.9	1.2	0.77	5	-0.24	2.47	-2.01
Central										
Alexandria	75.6	60.4	68.0	65.9	2.1	0.28	4	-0.80	0.56	-3.82
Bunkie	76.4	61.9	69.1	66.3	2.8	1.20	3	0.12	2.40	-1.69
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	67.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	73.1	60.9	67.0	65.4	1.6	1.76	3	0.74	4.25	-0.23
New Roads	77.0	63.1	70.1	66.9	3.2	3.53	4	2.48	5.59	1.64
Extreme/Average	75.5	61.6	68.6	66.5	2.4	1.69	4	0.64	3.20	-1.03
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.01	5	0.93	4.77	0.56
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	65.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.27	5	NA	5.46	NA
Slidell	72.7	62.2	67.4	NA	NA	2.33	3	NA	7.46	NA
Extreme/Average	72.7	62.2	67.4	65.6	NA	1.87	5	0.93	5.90	0.56
Southwest										
Crowley	77.5	63.2	70.4	67.4	3.4	NA	NA	NA	3.85	0.83
DeRidder	73.0	61.5	67.3	66.1	1.6	NA	NA	NA	1.41	-1.96
Jennings	78.3	64.0	71.1	67.0	4.1	2.34	5	1.49	3.85	0.30
Oberlin Fire	76.1	62.1	69.1	66.8	2.3	1.76	3	0.75	3.32	-0.60
Extreme/Average	76.2	62.7	69.5	66.8	2.8	2.05	5	1.12	3.11	-0.36
South Central										
Donaldsonville	77.1	63.1	70.1	66.9	3.2	3.02	3	1.98	4.94	1.06
Jeanerette	78.1	63.6	70.9	67.6	3.2	3.14	4	2.19	3.68	-0.03
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	66.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	73.6	65.4	69.5	67.6	1.9	2.26	2	1.54	6.07	2.98
Extreme/Average	76.3	64.0	70.2	67.2	2.8	2.81	4	1.90	4.90	1.34
Southeast										
Galliano	73.2	66.5	69.8	67.8	2.0	2.84	3	2.24	6.50	3.18
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.10	4	0.95	3.94	-0.58
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	75.5	66.0	70.8	NA	NA	2.02	4	NA	8.49	NA
Extreme/Average	74.3	66.3	70.3	67.8	1.9	2.32	4	1.60	6.31	1.30
State	74.1	61.0	67.5	65.6	1.7	2.48	4	1.54	4.69	0.63

DFN = Departure from Normal.
Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.
NA = Not Available.